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CLAIMS

1. A sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame, comprising a length of extruded material extending along and forming part of the strip, a portion of the extruded material along part only of the length thereof having been removed and replaced with moulded material which is moulded onto and thereby connected to the extruded material.
2. A strip according to claim 1, in which the moulded material is extended to form a closed loop.
3. A strip according to claim 2, in which the length of extruded material beyond the said portion thereof extends from the closed loop.
4. A strip according to any preceding claim, in which the moulded material forms a window pane receiving surface.
5. A strip according to any preceding claim, in which the moulded material includes at least one integral formation for securing the moulded part to the window frame.
6. A strip according to claim 5, in which the or each formation comprises an aperture in the moulded part through which a clamping member passes.
7. A strip according to claim 6, in which the clamping member is attached to a pane of glass and the glass is secured to the window frame by the passage of the clamping member through the aperture in the moulded part and through a further aperture in the window frame.

8. A strip according to claim 5, in which the or each formation comprises a clamping member integrally formed with the moulded material for cooperating with corresponding formations in the window frame.
9. A strip according to claim 5, in which the or each formation comprises a clamping member embedded in the moulded material for cooperating with corresponding formations in the window frame.
10. A strip according to claims 6 or 7, further comprising a rigid member embedded in the moulded material and having an aperture therein through which the clamping member passes.
11. A strip according to any preceding claim, in which the extruded material includes a plurality of integral formations for securing the extruded part to the window frame.
12. A strip according to any preceding claim, including an elongate rigid member into which a portion of the strip is fitted.
13. A strip according to claim 12, in which the moulded material is fitted into the rigid member so as to clamp a pane of glass fitted in said moulded material.
14. A strip according to claim 12 or 13, in which the rigid member also accommodates a further length of extruded material having a glass pane receiving channel.
15. A strip according to claim 12, 13 or 14, in which the rigid member is of substantially H shape.

16 A strip according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the extruded material includes a channel for receiving a flange of the window frame, the channel remaining as part of the strip after removal of said portion of the extruded material.

17. A strip according to claim 16, including a rigid reinforcing carrier embedded within the extruded material in the region corresponding to the channel.

18. A strip according to claim 16 or 17, when dependent upon claim 9, wherein the embedded clamping member includes a rigid base portion extending towards the channel so as to increase the force required to remove the strip from the window frame.

19. A strip according to claim 16 or 17, when dependent upon claim 10, wherein the embedded rigid member extends towards the channel so as to increase the force required to remove the strip from the window frame.

20. A strip according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the extruded material includes a limb forming at least a part of a glass pane receiving channel, a portion of the glass pane receiving channel being removed by removal of said portion of the extruded material.

21. A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame, comprising extruding a length of material to form part of the strip, removing a portion of the extruded material along part only of the length thereof, and replacing the said portion with moulded material which is moulded onto and thereby connected to the extruded material.

22. A method according to claim 21, in which the moulded material is extended to form a closed loop.

23. A method according to claim 22, in which the length of extruded material beyond the said portion thereof is extended from the closed loop.

24. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 23, in which the moulded material forms a window pane receiving surface.

25. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 24, in which the moulded material includes at least one integral formation for securing the moulded part to the window frame.

26. A method according to claim 25, in which the or each formation comprises an aperture in the moulded part through which a clamping member passes.

27. A method according to claim 26, in which the clamping member is attached to a pane of glass and the glass is secured to the window frame by the passage of the clamping member through the aperture in the moulded part and through a further aperture in the window frame.

28. A method according to claim 25, in which the or each formation comprises a clamping member integrally formed with the moulded material for cooperating with corresponding formations in the window frame.

29. A method according to claim 25, in which the or each formation comprises a clamping member embedded in the moulded material for cooperating with corresponding formations in the window frame.

30. A method according to claims 26 or 27, wherein a rigid member is embedded in the moulded material and has an aperture therein through which the clamping

member passes.

31. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 30, in which the extruded material includes a plurality of integral formations for securing the extruded part to the window frame.

32. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 31, including providing an elongate rigid member into which a portion of the method is fitted.

33. A method according to claim 32, in which the moulded material is fitted into the rigid member so as to clamp a pane of glass fitted in said moulded material.

34. A method according to claim 32 or 33, in which the rigid member also accommodates a further length of extruded material having a glass pane receiving channel.

35. A method according to claim 32, 33 or 34, in which the rigid member is of substantially H shape.

36. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 35, in which the extruded material is provided with a channel for receiving a flange of the window frame, the channel remaining as part of the method after removal of said portion of the extruded material.

37. A method according to claim 36, including embedding a rigid reinforcing carrier within the extruded material in the region corresponding to the channel.

38. A method according to claim 36 or 37, when dependent upon claim 29, wherein the embedded clamping member includes a rigid base portion extending towards the

channel so as to increase the force required to remove the strip from the window frame.

39. A method according to claim 36 or 37, when dependent upon claim 30, wherein the embedded rigid member extends towards the channel so as to increase the force required to remove the strip from the window frame.

40. A method according to any one of claims 21 to 39, in which the extruded material is provided with a limb forming at least a part of a glass pane receiving channel, a portion of the glass pane receiving channel being removed by removal of said portion of the extruded material.

41. A method according to claim 40, in which the limb has an embedded rigid member therein for reducing the tendency for the limb to bend as it emerges from an extruder device used to form the strip.

42. A strip according to claim 20, wherein the limb has an embedded rigid member therein for reducing the tendency for the limb to bend as it emerges from an extruder device used to form the strip.